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Dear Mr. Grosch:


In response to your request for comment on the proposed Addendum to the USA Standard Code for Information Interchange, the Central Intelligence Agency supports the proposal both for the Addendum to USASCII and for its inclusion in the ASCII Federal Standards.

Intellectually and operationally the New Line (NL) mode is preferable to the Carriage Return (CR) - Line Feed (LF) mode; it is faster, simpler, and is coming into wide use in new equipment.

Nevertheless, the large and rapidly expanding requirement for interface of computers with communications systems where the CR-LF code is the accepted standard and where equipments are modified at a much slower pace dictates a procedure such as outlined in the proposed Addendum. Thus, either NL or CR-LF can be applied where each can be used most advantageously, and we'll accept the penalty of compatibility adjustments where these become necessary.

Sincerely,

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